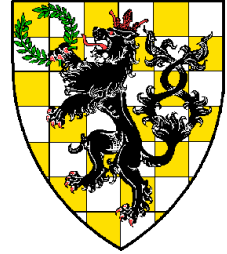


# The Fousting Squirrel



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*A Branch of the Society for Creative Anachronism (SCA Inc.)*

## AS YOU LIKE IT

On Saturday, Nov. 5, the Canton of Akornebir hosted their annual "As You Like It" Feast, complete with a rapier championship, the annual Arts & Science championship, a comedic tavern brawl, and skullduggery contest. Akornebir was honored to have at court the Baron of Wealdsmere and the Baron of Vulkanfeldt in attendance, and special thank you goes out to the event team of Honorable Lady Ciosa, Dame Katherine, and Baron Thorkell for planning the event.

Hosted in Waitsburg in the city's town hall building, nearly a hundred people came out to celebrate the start of the winter feasting season, and shared a delicious potluck meal together.

After two rounds of rapier combat, six contestants were narrowed down to two finalists, with Lord Ragnar emerging victorious in a hard fought and entertaining contest against Lord Samuel. Lord Cem Hadar Kann was awarded the most dastardly in the tavern brawl, earning him the Skullduggery cloak.

The Canton's A&S cloak was awarded to Lady Yeintel for crafting a beautiful outfit of period clothing. On the Akornebir Facebook page, Lady Yeintel said, "It was so wonderful to be with you all [...] Thank you for making me your new champion. Arts and Sciences is not hard. Just do what you love. Practice makes perfect, so don't give up."



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## About the Canton of Akornebir

The Canton of Akornebir is a branch of the Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc. We are located at the foot of the Blue Mountains, in Walla Walla, Washington. Our area includes all of Walla Walla County and the Waitsburg/Dayton area. Akornebir became an official branch of the Society in June, 2001 (A.S. XXXVI). Citizens of Akornebir have for many years been affectionately known as Squirrels.



The Society for Creative Anachronism, Inc. (SCA) is a non-profit group dedicated to researching and recreating the Middle Ages in the present.

The Canton of Akornebir is located in the Kingdom of An Tir (Irish translation: Our Land), in the area formerly known as the Inland Region. Locally, the Canton of Akornebir is a part of the Barony of Wastekeep. Its territory includes the Canton of Akornebir, and any 993xx zip codes within Benton, Franklin and Walla Walla counties and, through previous negotiations, including Grandview, which is in Yakima county.

The Barony of Wastekeep is ruled by our Baron and Baroness who act on the King's authority and hold the lands in their stead. Their Excellencies are most pleased to grant Baronial Awards to worthy members of the populous and to challenge those who would apply to become one of Wastekeep's Sergeants.

## Web Links

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[akornebir.wastekeep.org](http://akornebir.wastekeep.org)  
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# The Squirrel Press

## collegium report

Several members of the Canton made the journey through the snowy mountains to the Barony of Aquaterra to Collegium, during the weekend of Nov. 11-13. Cuthbert, Kaitlin, along with Baron Thorkell and Baroness Gudrun joined hundreds of citizens of An Tir as they took dozens of specialized classes—including excellent workshops on drumming, heavy weapons, and scroll painting—and cheered on the seven bardic competitors as they competed for the kingdom championship. After years in tireless service as kingdom bard, Andromacha Tis Lesvos stood down and has been replaced by this year's inspirational winner Colette La Trouvere. Our family in Wastekeep had special cause to celebrate during Saturday night court as Duke Stykarr was elevated to Pelican and Seamus De Montel was inducted into the Order of the Chivalry and made a Knight of An Tir. Hip Hip! Huzzah!



## Yule this December in Waitsburg

Holiday planning is well underway in the Barony, as Wastekeep gets ready to host the winter Yule feast next month. The event will be on Saturday, December 10, with the meal beginning around 2pm. We are grateful to Waitsburg Elementary School for allowing us to host the event in their multipurpose room.

The Baronial Yule feast is free, and the main meat course will be provided. Please bring a side dish, based upon last name alphabetically. Look out for details coming on that soon.

In addition, there will be games, a charitable food drive for local families, and Santa Baron will make an appearance to hand out any gifts that parents want delivered to their children.

# squirrels in the park



Now that it has gotten a little darker and colder, weekly fight practice in the Canton is moving from Pioneer Park to the heated garage of William and Mathilda. These will be on Monday evenings at 6pm, and will include computer access for membership signups and study.

The last few months saw regular forest skirmishes for rapier practice, consistently attended by a half a dozen fighters including Marshal William, Mike, Cody, Cuthbert, and of course, Baron Thorkell himself. Several other Canton members joined for social time and to work on arts and sciences projects.

William and Baron Thorkell were gracious enough to also play the role of combat instructors, teaching some of us newcomers what to wear, the various stances, off-hand dagger use, etiquette and all the finer points, literally, of quite excellent swordplay.







# UPCOMING CANTON ACTIVITIES AND REGIONAL EVENTS

## CANTON ACTIVITIES

- ❖ Fight practice each Monday @ 6pm at the home of William and Mathilda.
- ❖ Next monthly Canton business meeting (virtual) on Thursday, December 1 @ 6.30pm.
- ❖ Arts & Sciences Scurry this month on Thursday, Nov. 17 with Kaitlin. Inquire for more details and location.
- ❖ Wastekeep Yule Feast at Waitsburg Elementary School on Saturday, December 10 @ 2pm.

## REGIONAL EVENTS

- ❖ Three Mountains Archery Championship: Nov. 19.
- ❖ Summits Service Collegium: Nov. 18-20 in Stayton, Oregon.
- ❖ Vulcanfeldt Yule Feast: Saturday, December 3.
- ❖ Cranehaven Yule Feast: Thursday, December 8.
- ❖ Twelfth Night: January 13-15 in Eugene, Oregon.

# In service to the Canton: an interview with a gentle

**Jousting Squirrel:** What is your name, position and title in the SCA, and how long have you been involved?

**Dame Katherine:** Dame Katherine of Akornebir, Companion of the Order of the Pelican. I've been actively involved since 2004, so 18 years.

**JS:** What is one of your favorite ways to give back and provide service in the SCA?

**DK:** I love talking to and mentoring Newcomers! Talking to people who stop by a fighter practice or event in a public space, or hanging out with someone at their first event to answer questions and share what I love, feeds my soul.

**JS:** Who have you seen demonstrate service especially well in the SCA?

**DK:** We are truly fortunate in the Canton and the Barony of Wastekeep to have many people who do the work part of what we do. Mistress Catriona and Master Dyon, the founding Baron and Baroness of Wastekeep are shining example of service. They served as Baron and Baroness for 17 years and have continually showed up early and stayed late to help with set up and tear down. Mistress Catriona is once again the Chronicler for the Barony. Within the Canton we have Master Thorkell and Mistress Gudrun who have been steadfast in holding offices, running events, reaching out to newcomers and supporting the martial and arts and sciences parts of what we do.

**JS:** What are some of the less visible and less glamorous parts of service in the SCA?

**DK:** This is the first time that I have not held an office of any type which is odd for me. While the administrative side of a non-profit organization isn't flashy or glamorous, it is necessary and rewarding in it's own way. Personally I love working at gate to sign people in at events. You get to see everyone who comes while you provide a needed service.





# In service to the Canton: an interview with a gentle

*JS: As a registered charitable non-profit, how does SCA provide service and education to the people of Akornebir, here in the Walla Walla valley?*

*DK: Well COVID put a big dent in what we have traditionally done. We typically put on demonstrations, or demos, in libraries and for schools in addition to taking part in Medieval and Renaissance Festivals. Most recently we were at a one day Renaissance Festival at Dragon's Gate Brewery in Stateline Oregon, along with the Barony of Wastekeep.*

*JS: What advice would you give to someone who wants to help out within their canton or barony?*

*DK: Come to the business meeting. That's where upcoming activities are planned. Volunteer to help out. If you're not sure what you are particularly interested in, try something one time and something else the next. There are lots of options and people who have experience are always looking to share their knowledge!*





# CAMION PHOTOS





# Canton of Akornebir SCA Business Meeting (virtual)

## Minutes

Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2022

**In Attendance:** Katherine, Cuthbert, Thorkell, Mathilda, Ramone, Kaitlin

1. Meeting called to order at 5.45pm
2. Motioned and voted to accept the minutes from October
3. Officer's Reports
  - a. Baron's State of the Canton (Thorkell) – Nothing to Report
    - i. Discussion about how signatures are available online?
  - b. Seneschal (Lucia) – Nothing to Report
  - c. Chronicler (Guðrun)
    - i. Suggestion of possible change of Chronicler position from Guðrun to Cuthbert for the facilitating of the newsletter. Cuthbert will take minutes for today's meeting.
  - d. Exchequer (Thorkell)
    - i. Current balance: \$XXXX
    - ii. No checks were written since last meeting
    - iii. Hall for "As You Like It" is all paid for and we have the receipt
    - iv. Likely plan to renew officer warrants for a year extension
  - e. Herald (Thorkell)
    - i. Several consultations this month:
      1. Cuthbert Weaver's device and name
      2. Redo of device for Lif Guðrundsottir
      3. Name change for Guðrun Ulriksdottir
    - ii. There will be a table at Collegium for Heraldry consultations
  - f. Marshall (William) – Nothing to report
    - i. We are having weekly practices with Mike and William, Cuthbert, Thorkell, and Cody, but too wet, cold and dark to continue outdoor practices for this season
    - ii. Indoor space at Mathilda and William's will be ready soon, in time for next week
    - iii. Discussion on time and date change. Likely continuing on Tuesdays, but now at 6.30 instead of 5:30 because sunlight is no longer an issue.
  - g. Arts and Sciences (Matilda & Guðrun)
    - i. Collegium is next weekend.
    - ii. Canton A&S championship is this weekend at "As You Like It." It will use the same judging form as the barony. Ciosa will be running it.
  - h. Chatelaine – Nothing to report
  - i. Webminister (Ramone)
    - i. Worked with the Baronial webminister to ensure access for the Baronial website.
    - ii. Needs text for the website home page.
    - iii. Baron Thorkell requested having an officer page with all officers listed



4. Upcoming Events

- a. "As You Like It" this Saturday, Nov. 5 from 9 – 6pm at Waitsburg Town Hall
  - i. Set up at 8am
  - ii. Weather could be bad: winds, rain
  - iii. Discussed offering ride options or possible carpool
- b. "Yule" on Dec. 10 in the Waitsburg Elementary School Multipurpose Room
  - i. Event is free
  - ii. Feast around 2pm with meat provided by the Barony
  - iii. Bring a side dish based upon last name alphabetically
  - iv. No classes/events but possibility of games
  - v. Santa Baron to hand gifts from parents to children
  - vi. There will be a food drive
  - vii. Kitchen Concerns: unfamiliar kitchen renovations and need to be sure of access to the dishwasher

5. Old Business

- a. None

6. New Business

- a. There is a need to soon decide upon a date and location for "Newcomers" event, which this time will not be combined with Sergeantry Trials.
- b. Next Scurry
  - i. Potential for an upcoming scurry with Kaitlin
  - ii. Thursday, Nov. 17
  - iii. Focusing on making largesse
- c. Newsletter
  - i. Cuthbert wants to re-launch the *Squirrel Press* canton newsletter
  - ii. Kathy will send copies of the old newsletter for comparison
  - iii. It can go online as a part of the Webminister's site content
  - iv. Will need to discuss with Guðrun as she is the current Chronicler

7. Next Business Meeting (virtual) scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 1. @ 6.30pm

8. Meeting adjourned at 6.14pm

**End of Minutes**





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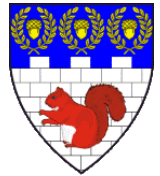
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## CANTON CURIA

- ❖ Seneschal – Hon. Lady Lucia Robertsdottir
- ❖ Herald – Baron Thorkell Palsson
- ❖ Exchequer – Baron Thorkell Palsson
- ❖ Chronicler – Lord Cuthbert Weaver
- ❖ Marshal – Lord William Le Navetier
- ❖ Arts & Science – Baroness Gudrun Ulriksdottir
- ❖ Webminister – Hon. Lord Ramone de Leon
- ❖ Chatelaine – Hon. Lady Livia Della Strada



## BARONIAL CURIA

- ❖ Seneschal – Honorable Lady Ciosa
- ❖ Exchequer – Honorable Lady Anna
- ❖ Martial – Honorable Lord William
- ❖ Arts & Science – Lady Sunneva



## KINGDOM MONARCHS

- ❖ King of An Tir – King Octamasedes Skuthikos
- ❖ Queen of An Tir – Queen Achaxe Ek Auchatae

